

# CDC in Brief 2013

With the start of the 113th Congress, we'd like to take an opportunity to (re)introduce the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), and provide some helpful information about our agency and its work. This E-Brief contains links to useful information about CDC's science, budget, and presence on the ground. For quick access to additional information about CDC's work, please contact the [CDC Washington Office](#) at (202) 245-0600, and see below for information about how CDC Washington can help you.

## What CDC Does

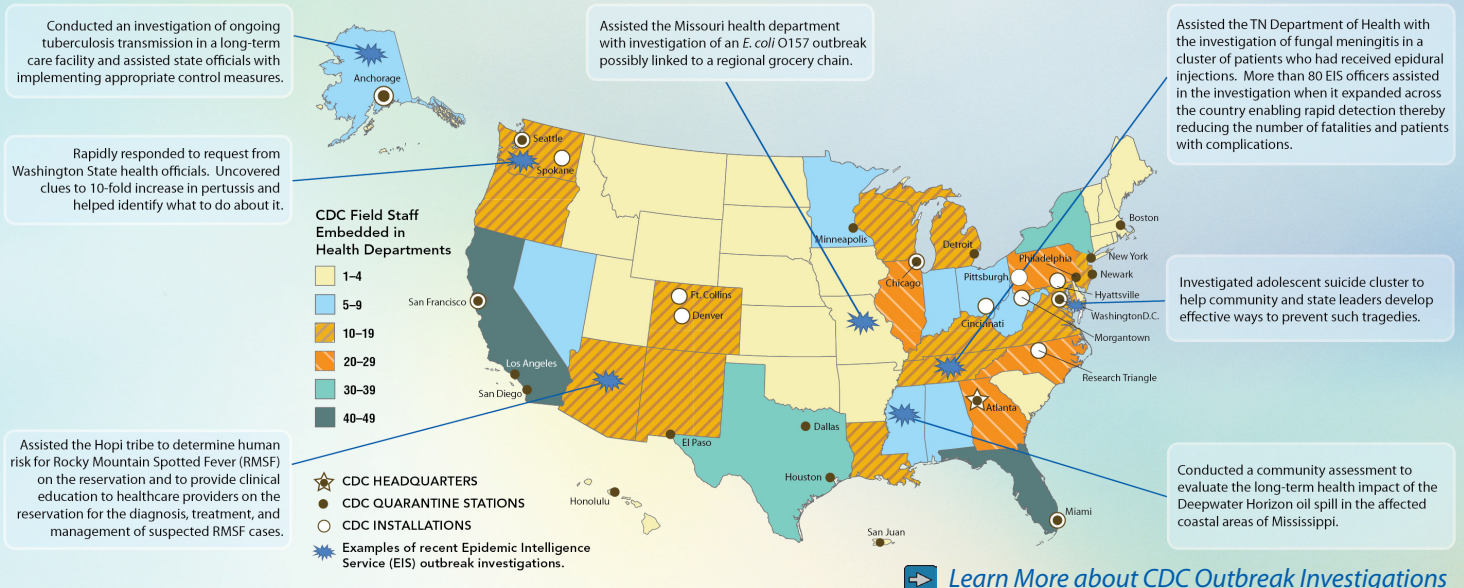
Our nation's health protection agency, CDC tracks diseases, researches outbreaks, and responds to emergencies of all kinds. Our scientists and disease detectives work 24/7 all around the world to:

- Prepare the US to respond to [emergency](#) health threats
- Investigate and stop deadly disease [outbreaks](#) in the US and [around the world](#)
- Detect foodborne illness rapidly in order to help protect the [US food supply](#)
- Prevent [healthcare-associated infections](#), saving thousands of lives and millions in healthcare costs
- Maintain the world's most advanced diagnostic and research labs, and strengthen the quality, response and effectiveness of laboratories across America
- Provide critical [data](#) that saves lives and protects people
- Put proven [prevention strategies](#) to work
- Provide life-saving [vaccines](#)

## Fast Facts

- [Founded](#) in 1946
- Headquartered in Atlanta, Georgia
- Highly skilled workforce with field staff assigned to all 50 states and more than [50 countries](#)
- In 2012 worked on 81 "Epi-Aid" [outbreak](#) investigations in 39 states and 16 countries
- 2/3 of CDC's budget funds critical public health activities through contracts and grants to organizations at the state and local level
- Dr. Tom Frieden, [Director](#)

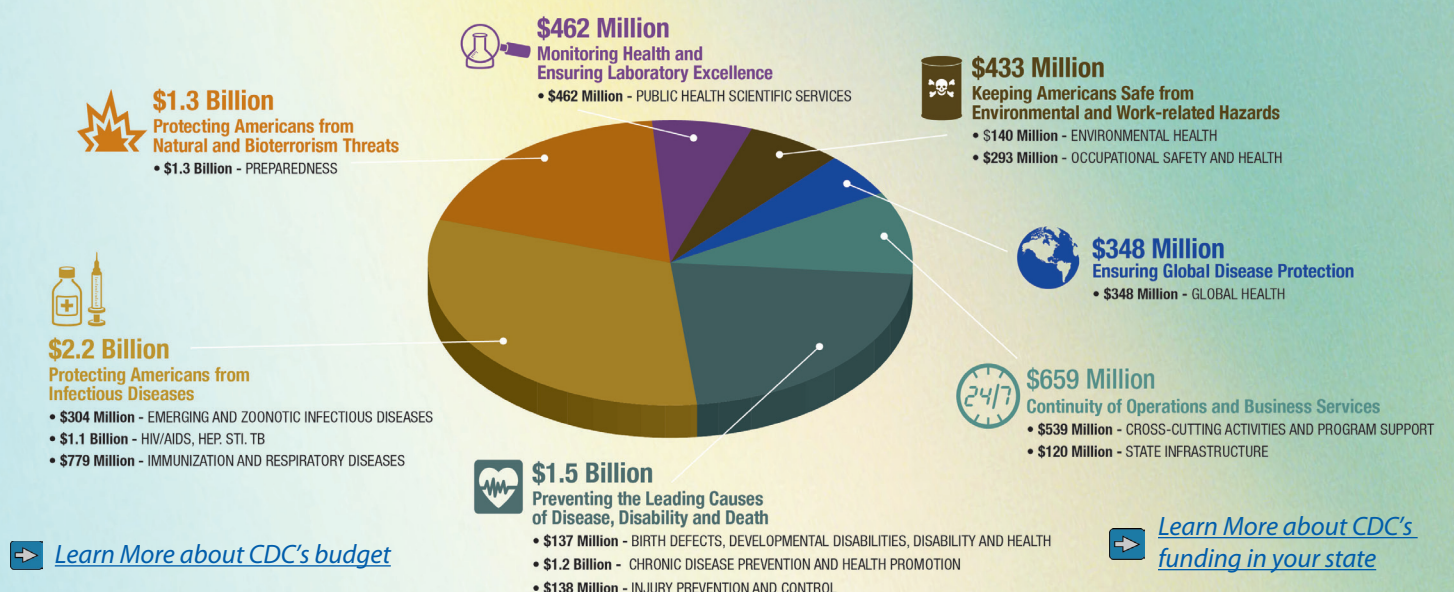
## CDC on the Ground



## How Can CDC Washington Help You? Call 202-245-0600 for:

- Rapid and reliable response to Congressional requests for information
- Congressional briefings on broad public health issues and specific CDC programs
- Technical assistance on public health policy and legislative initiatives
- CDC materials, services, and tours of facilities, including new state-of-the-art labs
- Discussions with scientific experts on programs of interest
- Participation by agency leadership and scientific experts in local public health-related events
- Email updates on key CDC topics. <http://www.cdc.gov/Other/emailupdates>

## CDC's FUNDING IN FISCAL YEAR 2012 | \$6.9 Billion



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